

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday 2017**

On Sunday, September 10, ELCA churches across the country will participate in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. This annual day of service is a time to share God’s love, serve local communities, and lift up neighbors in need. Listed below are multiple ways your congregation can partner with Lutheran Services Carolinas for a meaningful service project.

- **Collect and deliver needed items.** Various items are needed to support LSC programs including bingo prizes for senior living communities, winter coats for children in foster care, and household items for refugee families who are starting a new life. Contact LSC for a complete list of suggested items.
- **Complete a home improvement or landscaping project** at your local LSC child and family or senior ministry.
- **Provide music or art therapy** for adults with developmental disabilities, severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), or symptoms resulting from traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- **Lead an activity** at a senior living community. Activities can include singing or playing instruments, visiting with residents, calling bingo, participating in the weekly worship service, sponsoring arts and crafts projects, leading an exercise class, hosting a spa day, or sharing devotions.
- **Teach a life skills class** to group home residents or parents living in supportive housing. Topics to consider include cooking a nutritious meal, writing a resume, or planning a budget.
- **Distribute handwritten cards** to residents of an LSC senior living community.
- **Assemble gift bags** for LSC clients and participants. Thank you bags are a nice treat for foster parents and a way to show appreciation for the important work they do. Foster children also benefit from welcome bags filled with items that help transition into a new home. Clients of LSC’s Supportive Housing program also enjoy welcome home gift baskets as they graduate from the program to homeownership.
- **Host a special event** at your church or at a local LSC program. Churches can host foster parent appreciation or recruitment events. Birthday parties complete with cake and balloons are a fun way to celebrate the adults who live at an LSC community.
- **Make stuffed elephants.** These elephants are a beautiful reminder of God’s love for the children in LSC’s care. Elephants can be sewn by hand or by using a sewing machine. LSC can provide the pattern and instructions for this project that is great for people of all ages.

If your congregation has a particular strength or interest that is not included above, contact Ellen Watts at [ewatts@LSCarolinas.net](mailto:ewatts@LSCarolinas.net) or (704) 603-1696 to coordinate a unique and personal outreach project. Additionally, if your congregation is unable to participate on September 10, please consider another time to hold a dedicated day of service with LSC. Thank you for supporting the LSC ministry!